

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE
7:00 P.M.**

INVOCATION

Given by Council Member Owens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Van Orman, City Council and Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Van Orman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Jenkins
Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs
Council Member Owens
Council Member Crump
Council Member Schuler (absent)
Council Member Olander
Council Member Langford

Doug Smith, Director, Community Dev.
Cindy Smith, City Clerk
Brian Asmus, Chief of Police
Sean Boutz, City Attorney

Council Member Crump moved to excuse Council Member Schuler, seconded by Council Member Langford. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Crump moved to approve the Agenda as noted, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Approved. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Member Crump moved to accept the City Council Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2008, seconded by Council Member Owens. Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Accepted. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Van Orman reported on the Easter Egg Hunt held March 22nd for children 3 years of age up to 4th Grade, and the All Fool's Hunt to be held March 29th.

Council Member Owens commented she had attended the City of Spokane Valley's Birthday Party on Monday, March 31, 2008.

Council Member Olander reported the Community Development Committee had met twice and discussed the Resolution regarding the River District TIF.

Council Member Crump commented that Mayor Van Orman was doing a great job and was pleased with what the City has done and thanked her staff.

STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS

Municipal Library

Pamela Mogen reported on the March Municipal Library Report. Discussions continued on where area was needed in the library, collection of materials, housing shelving, no offices or break room for staff, and the proctoring of exams.

Ms. Mogen also introduced Tracy Rebstock to the City Council. Ms. Rebstock gave a summary of her background and commented that she enjoyed working with youth, 5th grade and up. She added that she is going to be very active with the Youth Commission.

Pamela Mogen stated that the One Book Program, "Marley and Me" had started. She said there were picture books for preschoolers at Safeways, and that all of the copies at the library were out. There are also copies on CD and MP players.

City Staff

Doug Smith, Director of Community Development, spoke on the activities of city staff. Two activities not on the report were: the bidding and reconstruction process on the signal at Appleway and Molter, and the Rocky Hill Park. He stated he had met with the landscaper to go over the final design and it was going out to bid this next week.

Youth Commission

Mayor Van Orman asked the Youth Commission to introduce themselves. Present were: Jenna Peterson, Sam Baynes, and Danielle Mertens. Mayor Van Orman announced that the Liberty Lake Youth Commission had won the Chase Youth Award for Leadership. Jessica Platt, Administrative Services Manager, said there were over 2000 participants so it was a prestigious award. She announced that Tracy Rebstock will be her replacement as Youth Leader

Commission Advisor. Jenna Peterson showed a few pictures of Leadership Night, the Easter Egg Hunt (150 kids participated), and the IPOD winner. Jessica Platt commented there were Valley Hub and Skate Park volunteers that had helped supervise the activities. Jenna Peterson advised that the Youth Commission would be participating in the City Clean-up Day, and will be doing more community service projects.

Public Safety

Doug Smith, Director of Community Services, provided the Police Department Report from Chief Asmus.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Thompson of Spokane Valley Fire Department gave an update on the latest incidents within the City of Liberty Lake. He said the Interlocal Agreement for a County-wide Ambulance Contract was nearly complete and was being put out for bids once it was reviewed. Chief Thompson said it is the Fire District's goal to have it in place before the end of the year.

Sewer and Water District

Commissioner Steve Skipworth gave a brief report on the Sewer and Water District. He said Mayor Van Orman and Lee Mellish have agreed to do a joint Spring Clean Up on May 31, and again in the fall (November.) He also discussed: opening of dam on the lake, the District's Emergency Response Plan, adopting a Water Efficiency Plan with a 6 year projected goal of a 5% reduction in domestic water use, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Annual Report, that the TMDL is still in the process with Department of Ecology, and that the District's Board approved the annexation of the area north of the freeway and west of Harvard.

Council Member Jenkins asked how much information the City can get on the Sewer and Water District's budget. Commissioner Skipworth said even though it wasn't the way he would like see it (with more detail), it was a good budget and had passed the audit with flying colors.

PUBLIC HEARING – Communications Levy

Mayor Van Orman acknowledged Commissioner Mielke, Commissioner Richards, Chief Thompson, and Officer (inaudible). Mayor Van Orman reiterated the public hearing was a time for people to express their opinion on whether they were in favor or against the Communication Levy Resolution.

Mayor Van Orman opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioner Mark Richards thanked the City Council for their consideration of the Resolution. He asked for support from the public and expressed its importance to the community. Commissioner Richards said the Ballot speaks of four (4) detailed points: initial equipment, reintroduction of Crime Check 24/7,

Reverse 9-1-1 System, and anticipated a shortfall in 9-1-1 because of the reduction of telephone land-line usage.

Council Member Crump asked about long term ability to keep pace with the cost of living. Commissioner Richards said the challenge is not only in costs of doing business but something they felt was important was putting a "10-year sunset limited" on the ballot. He said, "It was our expectation that this would cover those cost of living increases."

Council Member Olander asked who bought the frequencies. Chief Thompson said the frequencies are outdated. "It is not the hardware as much as it the allocation of frequencies. In 2012, the FCC will be taking back all the frequencies, will redistributed, and reprocess those frequencies to narrow band."

Commissioner Todd Mielke talked about the revenue stream. He said by law the funds can only be used by emergency expenditures, with a 10-year sunset. Discussions continued on hardware costs, public safety, and non-safety hand held radios not being included, and what is going to keep this from happening again.

After no further discussions, Mayor Van Orman closed the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS

Cindy Smith, City Clerk, read a proclamation declaring the month of April 2008 as "Our Kids: Our Business."

Maryanne Murphy said the pinwheel is a symbol of joy of childhood and a signal to call commitment by adults to keep and protect our children in all parts of the community. Council Member Crump thanked Maryanne for coming. He said there were two sad situations in this community in last several weeks. Council Member Crump said child abuse and domestic violence is all around us, and the pinwheels were hopefully not a just a sign, it is really a call to awareness and a call to action.

Pamela Mogen spoke on the benefits of having a proclamation in Liberty Lake.

Cindy Smith, City Clerk, read a proclamation declaring April as "Reading Month in the City of Liberty Lake."

ACTION ITEMS

Council Member Crump moved to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Langford. The Consent Agenda included vouchers totaling \$213,759.98 and the Cooperative Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Hearing no discussions, Mayor Van Orman called for the vote. Motion Accepted. In Favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None

Check sequences were: 9355 through 9517
Payroll check sequences were: 4458 through 4520

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

"No Idle Zone" – Resolution 08-120

Tom Brattebo, 23513 E 3rd Avenue, Liberty Lake, introduced the "No Idle Zone." He said the program is asking everybody that needs to idle their cars more than 20 seconds to shut their cars off. He talked about communication between citizens and Liberty Lake officials saying turn it off. "Spread the word, get the knowledge out, and express guilt."

Mayor Pro Tem Sayrs further explained the Resolution doesn't have the force of law, it suggests it is good idea and it authorizes the Mayor to put up the signs on City property in order to reminded people to turn off their cars. Mr. Brattebo stressed, "The word needs to get out that Liberty Lake is being a leader with saying that people need to turn their cars off instead of idling because it is not healthy to our children or our citizens."

Walgreens Underground

Doug Smith spoke about Walgreens, underground wiring, and traffic revisions. He said originally when the project was scoped and designed the City was presented with a proposal from Avista with a cost estimate of \$200,000. After discussions with Avista and the developer regarding the remainder of the bill, negotiations were made to split the difference for Phase I. After further discussions, the total costs to the City will be \$75,000.

City Council Retreat

Doug Smith said that he had individual conversations with each of the Council Members in regards to the retreat. Discussions pursued if the Council Members wanted a City Council Retreat on-site or off-site, if there was a benefit or preference to be held on Tuesday night at City Hall, needing or using a facilitator, the need of a detailed and specific topic, and the 2009 Budget. Mayor Van Orman said she felt it would be very beneficial because of the new council members. Doug Smith said he will compile a list of the data and send out an email with additional information and available dates.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Van Orman announced that United Data Security will be partnering with Liberty Lake to do a Shred Day on April 18, 2008 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at City Hall in the parking lot.

Council Member Langford inquired about the purchase of defibrillators. Mayor Van Orman replied that they had not been purchased but will find out from Chief Asmus when they will be distributed to the Trailhead Golf Course, City Hall, and

inside of the police vehicles. Mayor Van Orman said 1st aid classes will be taught over at the Valley HUB for the community by Officer Van Hyning.


CITIZEN COMMENTS

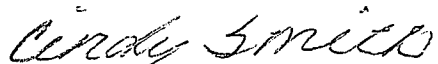
None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, the Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

These Minutes are approved this 15th day of April, 2008.


Wendy Van Orman, Mayor
City of Liberty Lake


Notes and Transcription by Cindy Smith, City Clerk. This Council Meeting was audio taped. Anyone desiring to listen to the recording may contact the City Clerk.